

Bedford Capital Expenditures Committee Minutes

Date: Wednesday, April 15, 2015

Town Hall 2nd Floor Conference Room

Capital Expenditure Committee (CEC) Attendees: Jim O'Neil (JO), Barbara Perry (BP), William Moonan (WM), Brian Bartkus (BB), Tony Battaglia (TB), Daniel Brosgol (DB) and Karen Dunn (KD)

Other Attendees: Jessica Porter (JP) - Assistant Town Manager, Chief Robert Bongiorno (CB), and Sgt. Patrick Towle

Meeting called to order by AB at 7:32 P.M.

Chief Bongiorno gave the Bedford Police Department's summary of FY16 capital line items. CB stated the defibrillators (\$38K) can be removed and ballistic vests for \$5K would be added. Also, mobile radio replacement units should be added for \$15,400. CB went on to describe that the Tasers are still potential able to be funded through a grant for the entire \$54K. However, the Department of Justice might require body cameras. If so this might replace the tasers yet there still is a possibility that if the grant does not cover the Tasers cost then drug forfeiture funds might be a possible funding source.

CB described that there is a Police Station space study under way with several meetings with an architect which have taken place. The design and space study is impacted by what will be the final determination over the location and the extent of space required for housing the Historical Society as well as its museum at the Police Station. There was a round of discussions over the various ideas being considered for housing both the Police staff and the historical society needs. The Police Department estimated their space needs at 17,500 sq. ft. while the Historical Society is somewhere around 2,000 to 3,000 sq. ft. WM asked CB if the space could satisfy the department's needs for at least 20 years. CB felt that based upon Bedford's daytime population that the town would require a force of 32 officers and that the space should satisfy the department's needs. JO inquired with CB over the use of a "sally port" which now has been turned into a garage/storage area. CB stated that even though it functions as a garage they still use the space as its original intention to be a covered drop off space for perpetrators. WM inquired about another vehicle. CB stated that he might see the incorporation of a canine program could require another vehicle. Besides the purchase of the dog, this type of program would require additional expenditures such as a special cage for the vehicle, training/training area, vet services and food. Finally CB stated that tablets are beginning to become a special issue to the force so these costs will begin to be included in the Police Departments capital needs.

BB discussed how the Rec Department would like to present its capital requirements in June. The current plan is to have the Fire and Rec Departments present on the same evening.

There was discussion over voting in new CEC officers. BP placed into motion to approve BB as the CEC Chair and AB seconded the motion. The vote was 6 Yes, 0 No and 1 Abstained. BB placed into motion to approve KD as the CEC Vice Chair and BP seconded the motion. The vote was 6 Yes, 0 No and 1 Abstained. Due to committee tenure and remaining members having other key town committee assignments it was determined that AB remains the CEC Clerk until a new member to the CEC is approved by the town. Vote was 6 Yes, 0 No and 1 Abstained.

There was general discussion over any New Business.

BB motioned that the CEC meeting be adjourned and WM seconded the motion. The vote was 7 Yes and 0 No.

The next CEC meeting will be on 5/20/15 at 7:30 P.M.

Adjourned at 9:35 P.M.

Prepared by Tony Battaglia